

Is it necessary for a citizen of Topeka to get city hall sanction before running for office?

HOME EDITION

## BOURGEOISIE TRY FOR UNITY THRU COMING BALLOT

That Class in Germany Would Line Up in Vote.

Erect a Solid Front Against the Socialist Faction.

EBERT GOVERNMENT STRONGER

Street Battles Reported in Essen—Many Are Killed.

Armed Mobs Try To Tear Down Mine Buildings.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The bourgeois parties in Germany are striving to erect a solid front against the majority Socialists in the coming elections to the national assembly. The elections are only four weeks away, and the former right and center parties are still much disorganized.

The Ebert-Haase government has been strengthened in its position by the recent revolutionary congress, which not only widened jurisdiction of the congress, but placed at its disposal a serviceable central committee of soldiers and workers' militia. This has been interpreted as marking the defeat of the proletarian extremists.

As the majority Socialists are virtually in command of the central government and dominate the local governments throughout Germany, they probably will enter the election fight as a solid majority irrespective of the future action of the independent Socialists or the Spartacist group.

Friedrich Nielsch, a conservative leader, writing in the Tagblatt recalls that the position of the majority Socialists is similar to that of the national liberals at the time the German empire was founded. He estimates that the radicals who polled 35 per cent of all the votes in 1912, may be able to increase that to fifty per cent.

Here Naumann adds: The socialists continue to rise, with it rises our fear of the devaluation of German economic and political life. A sound republican democracy is our only salvation.

The national assembly will be called to order ten days after the elections, which will be held Saturday 19. The session will continue eight weeks. Cities which are urging that the national assembly meet there are Frankfurt, Cassel, Erfurt, Bayreuth, Weimar and Nuremberg. Berlin is likely to be overlooked as the progress of the congress held last week convinced the out-of-town delegates that Berlin is too noisy.

Flight on Streets. Zurich, Dec. 23.—Bloody street fighting at Essen between the forces of the workmen and soldiers' council and Spartacists was reported in a dispatch received today. There were many casualties, and the Spartacists apparently were defeated.

Rioting started when leaders of a strike at the Bortum mine were arrested by agents of workmen and miners soldiers' council.

The Spartacists obtained reinforcements, attacked the prison, released the comrades and imprisoned the soviet representatives.

Shortly afterward an armed mob marched upon the Moller mine and attempted to demolish the plant. Workmen and soldiers' forces, planting machine guns at strategic points, met the rioters with a fire and dispersed them. Many fled.

Depend on Wilson. Copenhagen, Dec. 23.—Germany is depending upon acceptance of President Wilson's fourteen principles to protect it from a dictatorial regime.

Dr. Dulsberg Flees. Berlin, Dec. 23.—Dr. Carl Dulsberg, of Leverkusen, the German aniline dye industry, is reported to have fled to Switzerland. Dr. Dulsberg was generally looked upon as the connecting link between "Business" and Gen. Ludendorff.

(By the Associated Press.) Munich, Dec. 23.—All Bavarian industries employing more than ten persons have been ordered to shut down from December 23 until January 2 for the purpose of saving coal. The workers will receive 30 per cent of their ordinary wages, of which the employers will collect two-thirds from the communities.

Prussians Seize Cities. Washington, Dec. 23.—Trit, Memel, Interberg and other cities in east Russia have been seized by Prussian Lithuanians, who are revolting from the German government according to advices reaching here today.

The German press, admitting this situation, views gravely the affairs of Prussia from the German standpoint.

Bourgeoisie Will Meet. Zurich, Dec. 23.—The bourgeoisie council has called a congress of bourgeois from all parts of Germany for January 5, according to a dispatch received today from Berlin.

Face Another Crisis. Zurich, Dec. 23.—The Ebert government in Berlin is reported to be faced with another crisis thru the resignation of the minority members of the cabinet.

Political circles in Berlin, another report says, are agitated by a rumor that General Groener, who succeeded General Ludendorff as chief quarter-

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## NO TURKEY FOR PRESIDENT BUT SPIRIT IS THERE

Paris, Dec. 23.—Altho far away from the White House and the usual forty pound Yuletide turkey, President and Mrs. Wilson will enjoy something of the spirit of Christmas, even though the day is spent in the battle zone.

It became known today that Mr. Wilson recently slipped away from the Mural residence and went on foot thru the shopping district, making purchases and looking about without being recognized. Mrs. Wilson has also been shopping, alone at odd times and when Christmas morning comes it is fairly certain that Santa Claus will have visited the president's special train while enroute to Chaumont.

## MERCURY TO 15!

Coldest Weather of Winter Predicted for Tonight.

Snow and Wind Bring the First 1918 Blast.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR KANSAS: Probably snow tonight and Tuesday; colder east portion tonight.

The subject of the forecast warns to protect 36 hour shipment north and west against a temperature of 15 degrees below zero.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES. 7 o'clock, 24 1/2; 10 o'clock, 23; 1 o'clock, 24 1/2; 4 o'clock, 25; 7 o'clock, 26; 10 o'clock, 26 1/2.

The temperature for the day averages 5 degrees below normal. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the wind was blowing at the rate of 20 miles an hour from the northeast.

A white Christmas for Topeka, beyond a doubt, S. D. Egora, state meteorologist, promised today. Released from the pressure brought to bear by the restrictions of the government, the war industries and the Spanish influenza, Santa Claus bids fair to have a night and easy riding in Kansas this Christmas.

Real winter, the very coldest experienced so far this year, is on the way. To make the kiddies more glad and happy, the snow is here. It has been snowing here and over Kansas since 7:30 o'clock this morning.

Twelve Below in Dakota. In South Dakota this morning the temperature kicked off a drop of 12 degrees below zero. Four above zero (Continued on Page Three)

## BIG KANSAS SNOW

Twenty-Inch Blanket in Western Part of State.

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Rock Island trains are held up and Santa Fe trains are running behind their schedules. The wheat fields all over this big belt are well covered.

Eight inches of snow has fallen here up to 1 p. m. today. The snow is general throughout southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma. The temperature remained around 40 above with little wind.

Trains Held Up in Missouri. Springfield, Mo., Dec. 23.—The first real snow of the season has already covered the Ozark region with a heavy blanket. The snow is driven by a sharp northeast wind which threatens to pile the snow into drifts.

The heavy fall continues. The snow is already interfering with the heavy railroad traffic of the Frisco due to the Christmas holiday rush.

TALK OF AIR CONTROL. Allies Will Hold Conference in Paris Early During 1919.

Paris, France, Dec. 23.—Representatives of several allied powers and the United States will hold a conference in Paris during the next few days to consider the future of international aerial navigation, the Echo de Paris announces.

Great Britain, Italy, Belgium, France and the United States will be represented at the conference which will study the questions of how to prevent airplanes of different nationalities from crossing customs barriers and how to prevent postal or commercial airplanes from being transformed into bombing machines within a few minutes. The result of the deliberations of the conference, the paper adds, will have to be accepted by Germany and other former allies in the peace treaty.

GET BUSY ON A BILL. Senators Get Ready To Hurry Measure on the Last Day.

Washington, Dec. 23.—With the revenue bill standing between them and a Christmas holiday, senators gathered at 10 o'clock today to rush the bill to Congress before adjournment tonight.

Immediately after its passage, the senate, in all probability, will take a series of three-day recesses until after the first of the year.

WILL FEED THE FINNS. War Trade Board Authorizes Shipment of 10,000 Tons of Cereals.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The war board today authorized the shipment to Finland for civilian relief of 10,000 tons of cereals, 2,000 tons of pork products, 1,000 tons of industrial fats and 1,000 tons of other goods.

This action was taken on recommendation by cable from Herbert Hoover. This food will be the first to be sent to Finland for civilian relief.

## INJUSTICE DONE TENTH DIVISION BY ARMY HEAD?

No Apparent Intention of Demobilization This Winter.

Men Needed at Home, on Farms and in Industries.

STAY AGAINST THEIR WILLS. Soldiers Restless Over Prospect of Being Held in Camp.

Not Being Mustered Out Properly, a Captain Writes.

From information received in the form of the official order from Washington it is evident that the Tenth division will remain at Fuston during the winter. With this information comes a storm of protest from over the state—protests from the fathers, mothers and wives of soldiers who are needed in the homes, on the farms and in the state's industries.

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## WILL HAVE XMAS. Former Emperor Plans Great Time for the Holiday.

He Will Preach His Own Sermon for Occasion.

AT THE AMERONEN CASTLE. The Christmas Trees Are To Be Loaded With Gifts.

Many Were Invited, but Refused To Attend.

Before He Goes to London, Day After Christmas.

Washington, Dec. 23.—It may be stated authoritatively that President Wilson will oppose in the most direct fashion proposals from any source to sink the warships surrendered by Germany under the terms of the armistice.

Officials have professed to know nothing about the attitude of the president until today, when it was learned that he viewed the plan as altogether undesirable.

Decorate for Wilson. London, Dec. 23.—The first organized scheme of street decoration in London since the beginning of the war is being arranged by the city of London.

The stars and stripes will be a predominant feature of the decorations along the route to apply to the department of the city of London for the president's visit of Saturday will likewise be upon a splendid scale.

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## BLOCK THEIR PLAN \$500,000,000 MAY BE RAISED NEXT SEASON

Prospects for Wheat Crop of Kansas Never Better.

State Likely To Break All Former Records.

Expert Grain Man Confident of Enormous Values.

If Present Favorable Conditions Continue TIM Harvest.

E. M. Jolley, of the Shannon Grain company of Kansas City, Mo., but formerly of Topeka, is the city's greatest wheat expert here.

He is in intimate touch with the wheat situation in Kansas, and during the past thirty days has intimate information covering practically every portion of the wheat growing section. He said today:

"Never in the history of Kansas have the conditions been so favorable for winter wheat as at present. The banner crop of Kansas, 155,000,000 bushels, was harvested in the summer of 1914. The corresponding outlook for next year's production is far and away more favorable than was in evidence in the winter of 1913 and 1914.

The acreage in round numbers is about 11,000,000 or 12,000,000 above the acreage of the state's biggest year. Nearly every acre of the wheat this season has been pastured on account of the heavy stand. This, of course, is doubly advantageous to the farmer for this feed has been velvet to him and saved great quantities of the ordinary feed for cattle.

"It is not improbable that Kansas may thresh in the season of 1915, as much as 250,000,000 bushels of the grain. Unless conditions between now and harvest should be more or less unfavorable, it may be safely set down that the wheat values in the crop of 1915 will be the greatest this state has ever produced, representing a half billion dollars."

The weight and significance of these figures are apparent when it is known that according to the census of 1910, the national banks, the state banks and the trust companies were less than 100,000,000 bushels of wheat, the value of the forthcoming wheat crop, the total of the deposits in the banks and trust companies, aggregating \$445,950,140.

More than 21,000 Red Cross Membership Is Sure To Go to 25,000.

That Is Prediction of County Chairman Mulvane.

With the reports from the country districts coming in a steady stream, D. W. Mulvane, chairman of the Shawnee county Red Cross membership campaign, is more than ever convinced that the total enrollment in the society this year will reach the 25,000 mark.

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## WILSON ON THE TRAIL. Follows Wilhelm in Some Things—Not All, However.

London, Dec. 23.—President Wilson surely is on the trail of the Kaiser.

The president is reported to have occupied the suite on the George Washington that the Kaiser did several years ago and have been served by one of the Kaiser's old waiters.

And now, it develops today, the president is expected to be given the suite at Buckingham palace in which the Kaiser stayed during his visit here in 1911.

## HAVE MORE CASH. National Banks in Better Shape Than Ever Before.

Resources of \$19,821,404,000 Reported by Comptroller.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Resources of the national banks, \$19,821,404,000, are the greatest ever recorded, the comptroller of the currency announced today. The previous record was in November, 1917, when \$18,553,197,000 was reported.

Growth in the resources of national banks has been greater in the last five years, than in the preceding 25 years. Aggregate resources of national banks are greater than the combined resources of the national banks of England, Dominion of Canada, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Japan and Germany, according to their latest reports.

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